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Never too late to learn. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who is just 80, is learning to play the piano.

The Dallas News criticises a Texas jury that "considered it a mitigating circumstance that a murderer lost his temper."

New that burglars have been found among college boys the moral tendencles of football will not be so seriously

The will of the Rev. S. F. Smith, author of "America," was filed last week. The estate amounted, to \$45,000, onethird in real estate.

Attorney-General Hancock, of New York, is after the tobacco trust, and there are encouraging signs that he is going to capture it.

A Decatur football player's skull was cracked Thanksgiving day. The skulls of the majority of football fiends seem to be in about the same condition.

England sends a great many books to this country of varying degrees of popularity and merit, but James Monroe continues to be our favorite author.

Twenty-three Chinese belles from the Atlanta beauty show are now on their way back to the Flowery Kingdom. They are said to be "stunners"-in wooden shoes.

It is pleasant to see a woman carve, if she does it deftly.-Good Housekeeping. It is pleasant to see a woman do anything that she can do gracefully and successfully. Carving forms no exception.

No matter where gold fields are discovered, England at once sets up the claim that they are within her territory. She is trying to gerrymander the nations of the earth so as to corral all the yellow metal.

If these young people who are afflicted with unrequited affection would leave prussic acid and other poisons alone and try a few grains of common sense the cure would be just as speedy and much less painful.

The recent squeeze in the Parisian money market nipped Mrs. Castellane's purse for 1,000,000 francs. If Jay Gould wasn't dead, this would have billed him. How inscrutable, indeed, are the ways of Providence.

A Michigan woman has humbled her father-in-law and secured \$3,044 from him for alienating her husband's affections but up to date the proud crest of the mother-in-law waves triumphantly over the matrimonial field.

Ex-Superintendent Byrnes, of the New York police, has signified his intention to come over and meet the bribery charges recently preferred against him. He might effect arrangements to make the trip with Dunraven.

The Philadelphia Bulletin formulates "thirty-nine cases in which white men have been lynched in the United States during the past year. It is a disease that is spreading. Deluded white men who have been amusing themselves by lynching negroes will be called more and more to take some of possible to defend themselves. their own medicine.

An old Russian merchant left a will bequeathing 19,000,000 rubles to each of his four nieces, provided they put in fifteen months continually as chambermaids, cooks, or laborers. Before their fifteen months were up they had registered over 800 offers of marriage, many of these from Russian noblemen and men of the best class. It is a good pointer for all girls who do not know how to do anything.

The railroads charge more to bring potatoes from South Dakota to Chicago than the potatoes are worth, and of course they are not bringing many. This may not be news to our good friends in South Dakota, but thought we would mention it for the benefit of those who are fortunate enough to live near railroads that do not want the earth and all that grows

By way of a parting compliment to this country, Mr. Keir Hardie said that the Englishman enjoys greater liberty than the American; and he also said that he had seen more misery and poverty in our great cities than exist in London. Mr. Keir Hardle did not explain the remarkable phenomenon presented every year of several hundreds of thousands of intelligent human beings abandoning the larger liberty of British rule and the better comforts of British life to choose the hard and inferior conditions of this country. What would Hardie and our critics generally may of us if the tide of emigration ran the other way?

Seventeen crews have been laid off the Iowa and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, occasioned by farmers holding their grain for a rise in price. They claim that the prevailing price of corn does not pay them for work in husking and marketing. It is now being quite generally used for fuel in lieu of coal,

Six of the South African millionaires are believed to own \$195,000,000 between them. Alfred Beit is the richest, with \$60,000,000, Mr. Barnato has \$50,-600,000, and Cecil Rhodes \$25,000,000.

GENERAL NEWS.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MANY SOURCES.

The Powers Benew Their Demands for Permission to Pass the Dardanelles With Extra Guardships-Said Pashs Fices From the Sultan's Wrath.

London: The Times has a dispatch from Constantinople which says that the embassies have received instructions from their respective governments that the guardships question must be pushed home, and that it is impossible for the powers to retire from the position which they have

This indicates that the powers have decided that extra guardships must pass through the Dardanelles and the sultan has been asked for the last time for the firmans. A time limit was given for a reply and the alternative was that the parsage would be forced. When Great Britain threatened to take this course if the firmans were not granted, the sultan appealed person-ally to the governments of Russia, Austria, Germany and France, begging them not to press their demands, but met with no success. The Russian government repiled that it would sound the cabinets of France, Germany and Austria, and did so, but received nothing but unfavorable replies, of which he informed the Turkish ambas sador. Thus, apparently, the sul-tan was shown that he no longer has a backer in Europe. There have been frequent cabinet councils at the sultan's palace and sevexchanges of communications with the representatives of the powers, but no decision seems to have been arrived at. The existence of a cabinet crisis has long been commented upon. Said Pasha, the president of the Turkish council of state and formerly grand vizier, has taken refuge in the British embassy at Constantinople, believing himself not only to be in danger of arrest, but fearing for his life. the Turkish ministers stand in great apprehension of being summarily dealt with by the sultan. Seeing the meshes of the European net drawing closer and closer around him every day, Abdul Hamid is described as being frantic with impotent rage and likely to wreak vengeance upon any or all of

his ministers. There are more rumors in circulation regarding the massing of Russian troops on the Turkish frontier and the gathering of a Russian fleet near the Bosphorous. It has been reported that several Russian Pursuant ported that several Russian war ves sels have been sighted off the Black sea coast of Turkey, and nobody would be astonished to see Russia's extra guardship steam into the Bosphorous from the east at about the same time that Great Britain's extra gunboat passes the Dardenelles.

Later Reports from Asiatic Turkey. A massacre has occurred at Hassan Kahleh in the vilayet of Erzeroum, where the Armenian monastery was sacked and burned and the bishop and vicar and other inmates were killed.

Over 200 Armenians were killed in Ceserea. The Armenians are now barricaded in their homes and are in fear of being massacred. Panic reigns also among the Christians of Jerusalem and

Beyrout. The situation at Bitlis causes re newed anxiety among the missionaries as many alarming reports of rioting and bloodshed are in circulation. dispatch from Marash says the American missionaries there are safe, but the mission buildings were attacked by Turkish troops the inmates killed. Turkish troops and a number of

Letters from Aleppo state that even the most vague reports of the out-breaks or threatened outbreaks in or about that city cause panies among the Christians, who are so in dread of being massacred that at the first note of alarm they hastily close up their stores and seek refuge in their houses, where they have made all preparations

Turkish officials at Erzeroum, Er-singjan, Baiburt and Bitlis force the Armenians, under penalty of torture, to sign addresses of gratitude to the Turkish government for the "protection" during the recent "disorders."

The police of Constantinople are again arresting Armenians and trans-porting them in batches to their own country on the plea that they are a menace to the peace. Over a thousand Armenians have thus been expelled. It is understood that the advance upon Zeltoun may be expected at any time and the Armenians who are in rebellion there will be shown no mercy.

The W. C. T. U. district presidents of Michigan held a conference at Lansing which was full of deep interest.

The administrative council of the A. R. fixed the date for the next national encampment as September 1-4, 1896, at St. Paul.

A fire in the heart of the wholesale business section of Indianapolis burned out eight large establishments with a total loss of \$500,000, insured for \$300,-Two firemen were killed and two badly hurt by falling walls.

Investigation among the miners of of central Pennsylvania shows starvation stalking among them already and a certainty of terrible suffering unless they receive work or help. 10,000 men, hundreds of families are are in absolute destitution

An explosion of nitro-glycerine at Humes' torpedo factory, near Butler, Pa., completely demolished the factory and two storage magazines and killed Lowery Black and George Bester, two employes, who were thawing a can of the stuff. The concussion shook houses and shattered windows for miles around. About 1,000 pounds of glycerine exploded.

A brother of Conductor Matthews of West Bay City, was killed by the cars some time ago. In his pockets were some silver pieces. The car were some silver pieces. The car wheel passed over a silver dollar in such a way as to press a 25 cent piece into the dollar. This marked coin was kept by Conductor Matthews as a pocket piece and when his room was robbed several nights ago, this coin was stolen. Officer Davis traced it to a Bay City saloon and arrested John Vero and Wm. Hildebrand, who are now in jail, charged with the robbery.

President Cleveland has gone for a duck hunting trip in North Carolina.

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SENATE—Second day—The galleries were well filled again and the Senators plunged right into business. The President a message was rend and was listened to with a great deal of attention. At its conclusion Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, offered a resolution in vigorous terms readirming the principles of the Mouroe doubrine, and presenting them in such form us to permit their emactment as a permanent law, rather than an expression of the policy advocated by Presidest Monroe. In the same line was a resolution by Mr. Cullomand another by Mr. Allon. Pop. Neb. At the brief executive session the nominations of Mr. Oiney as secretary of state and Mr. Harmon as attorney-general were confirmed and that of Rufus H. Packham to the supreme bench referred to the indiciary committee. Senator Stewart, Pop. Nev., created laughter by introducing his time-honored bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Mr. Call. Dem. Pla. introduced the following joint resolution: "Resolve1, That the government of the United States recognizes a condition of public war between the government of Spala and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and the United States of America hereby declare that they will maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers and accord to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States. The congress of the United States, were those limiting the President is torm to sky years, without ro-clection: repealing all laws permitting the issuance of bonds; the limiting the issuance of bonds; the limitance of the laws of war as recognized by evilized rations. "Among the large number of bills offered by Mr. Peffer, Pop. Ks., were those limiting the President's torm to sky years, without ro-clection: repealing all laws permitting the issuance of bonds; the limitation of the power of injunction. Mr. Allen. Pop. Nev. offered a concurrent resolution for the immediate recognition of the Cuban insurgen

conclusion of the reading, when several Democrats made a slight demonstration. When it was inished the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Third day—Most of the business transacted was of a routine character. Mr. Hour showed a disposition toward-co-operation with the President in dealing with the Turkish question by odiering a resolution denouncing the recent atroctites in Turkey and assuring the executive of the cardial indorsement by congress of a vigorous course for the protection of American citisens in Turkey and the suppression of the barbarities against Christianity. Mr. Hoar did not ask immediate action of the resolution, but he secured the adoption of another resolution requesting the President to submit to the Senate all correspondence relating to Turkey. The resolution makes specific inquiry as to what American consuls are absent from their posts by reason of the disorder prevailing. The first formal speech of the session was made by Mr. Allen. Pop., Neb., on Cuba and the Monroe doctrine. Mr. Allen urged the recognition of the Cuban insurgents, the annexation of Cuba and a strong foreign policy. A number of bills and resolutions were introduced, among the important ones were the following: By Senator Lodge, to amoud the immigrants between it and years of age, who cannot both read and write the English language. By Senator Gray, to incorporate the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendations of the international American bank in accordance with the recommendation of the capible as

ifouse.—No session.

Sinatte—Fourth day—The session was brief.
Its only feature, beyond the introduction of a
bill by Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire,
for the free coinage of silver when England.
France and Germany should enact similar
legislation, and a resolution by his colleage.
Senator Gailinger, declaring it to be the sense
of the Senate that it was unwise and inexpedient to retire to greenbacks, was a short
speech by Senator Call, of Florida, in favor of
the recognition of the Cuban revolutionists as
beliggivents. In executive session the appointment of Matt W. Ransom, minister to Mexico,
was confirmed.

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ISENATE—Fifth day—No session House—Nothing of importance.

SENATE—Sixth day—The feature of the day was a speech by Senator Morgan, of Alabama, chairman of the committee on foreign relations and a member of the Faris Bering seasor though, upon a resolution offered by him instructing the foreign relations committee to investigate the question of the liability of the United states for the selectre of British shaps in Hering sea in 180. Mr. Morgan took the position in the last congress that the settlement of these claims, by the payment of a nump sum of \$41,500. as recommended by the President was neither wise nor proper. His remarks on that occasion were the sub-set of some sureastic comment from Sir Julian remarks on that occasion were the subject of some surcastic comment from Sir Julian Paunerfote, the British ambassador here, in the latter a oficial correspondence with Lord Kimberly, That correspondence was printed recently from the British blue book, and most of Mr. Morgan's speech was devoted to paying his respects to Sir Julian. His resolution, which was as follows, was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the message of the President, received by the Senate on Feb. 13, 1893, and his message read in the Senate Dec. 3, reliating to the payment by the Coited States of the claims of Great Britain arising out of the Bering sea controversy, be referred to the committee on foreign relations with instructions that said committee examine into the the Bering sea controversy, be referred to the committee on foreign relations with instructions that said committee examine into the question of such liability to Great Britain and the amount thereof, if any, and of any liability on the part of Great Britain or Canada, arising out said controversy, and that said committee shall have authority to report by bill." Among the bills introduced was one grantling a pension of table per month to the widow of the late scereinry of state. W. G. Gresham. A resolution was agreed to calling upon the President, is not incompatible with the public interest to travenit to the Senate all documents and correspondence at the state department relating to the case of ex-Consul John L. Waller, now under arrest in France. In executive session the nomination of Rufus W. Pecham, of New York, to be associate justice of the U. S. supreme court was continued. House, Most of the day was devoted to discussing the appointment of House officers. Resolutions were presented by Republicans calling for the correspondence in the Waller case; for lists of pensioners who have been stricken from the rolls or reduced since March 4, 1863; and for Scoretary Smith's reasons for an order affecting the action of the land office in connection with the perfecting of titles to Pacific railway grant lands in Unah and Nebraska, but all were objected to by Democrats. An effort to have printed in the record the memorial of the National Weolgrovers association for higher tariff met the same late.

fuel famine is on at South Haven and the city electric light works were

Georgia Elliget, who was burned from kerosene explosion at Adrian, died of her injuries. Mrs. James Deline, who was mur-

derously assaulted near Columbiaville, will probably recover. Bay county has sold \$115,000 worth

of bonds in order to pay her tax indebtedness to the state. John Cannte, aged 25, of Shepherd. was taken to Bay City on a charge of

passing counterfeit money. Mrs. Maria Conant, aged 90, mother of ex-Secretary of State H. A. Conant, died at her home in Monroe.

John Z. Peck went violently insane at Morley and struck Mrs. A. Stetson a fatal blow on the head with a club. It has been decided to remove the ody of Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock from Norristown. Pa., to Arlington

cemetery, at Washington. Co. F. M. N. G., at Port Huron expected to be mustered from the state service. They made preparations to organize an independent company, but a visit of Assistant Inspector-Gen-eral Williams, of Grand Rapids, showed that their affairs were not in such very bad shape, and he will probably report in favor of retaining them in the Michigan National Guard.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE OPENING WINTER" THIS WEEK'S SUBJECT.

Text Selected from Titus 3:13, "I Have Determined There to Winter"-Temptations of the Season Explained in Eloquent Words.



ASHINGTON, D. C., Dec.8, 1895,-Today Dr. Talmage chose as the subject of his sermon "The Opening Winter." Although the cold comes earlier or later, according to the latitude, this sermon is sooner or later as appropriate everywhere as it is in Washington. The text selected will be found in Titus 3:

12, "I have determined there to winter." Paul was not independent of the seasons. He sent for his overcoat to Troas on a memorable occasion. And now in the text he is making arrangements for the approachig cold weather, and makes an appointment with Titus to meet him at Necopolis, saying: "I have deter-mined there to winter." Well this is the eighth day of December and tho second Sabbath of winter. We have had a few shrill, sharp blasts already, forerunners of whole regiments of storms and tempests. No one here needs to be told that we are in the opening gates of the winter. This season is not only a test of one's physical endurance, but in our great cities is a test of moral character. A vast number of people have by one winter of dissipation been destroyed, and forever. Seated in our homes on some stormy night, the winds howling outside, we imagine the shipping helplessly driven on the coast, but any winter night, if our ears were good enough, we could hear the crash of a thousand moral shipwrecks. There are many people who came to the cities on the first of September who will be blasted by the first of March. At this season of the year temptations are especially rampant. Now that the long winter evenings have come, there are many who will employ them in high pursuits, in intelligent socialities, in Christian work, in the strengthening and ennobling of moral character, and this winter to many of you will be the brightest and the best of all your lives, and in anticipation I congratulate you. But to others it may not have such effect, and I charge you, my beloved, look out where you spend your winter nights.

In the first place, I have to remark that at this season of the year evil allurements are especially busy. There is not very much temptation for a man to plunge in on a hot night amid blazing gaslights, and to breathe the fetid air of an assemblage, but in the cold nights Satan gathers a great harvest. At such times the casinos are in full blast. At such time, the grogshops in one night make more than in four or five nights in summer. At such times the play-bills of low places of enter tainment seem especially attractive, and the acting is especially impressive, and the applause especially bewitching. Many a man who has kept right all the rest of the year will be capsized now, and though last autumn he came from the country and there was lustre in the eye and there were roses in the cheek and elasticity in the step, by the time the spring hour has come you will pass him in the street and say to your friend "What's the matter with that man? How differently he looks from what he looked last September." Slain of one winter's dissipation. At this time of the year there are many entertainments. If we rightly employ them, and they are of the right kind, they enlarge our socialities, allow us to make important acquaintance, build us up in our morals, and help us in a thousand ways. I can scarcely think of anything better than good neighborhood. But there are those entertainments from which others will come besoiled in character. There are those who by the springtime will be broken down in health, and though at the opening of the season their prospects were bright, at the close of the season they will be in the hands of the doctors, or sleeping in the cemetery. The cartificate of death will be made out, and the physician, to save the feelings of the family, will call the disease by a Latin name. But the doctor knows and everybody else knows, they died of too many levees. Away with all these wine-drinking convivialises. How dare you, the father of a family, tempt the appetites of the young people? Perhaps at the entertainment, to save the feelings of the minister or some other weak temperance man, you leave the decanter in a side room, and only a few people are invited there to partake; but it is easy enough to know when you come out, by the glare of your eye and the stench of your breath, that you have been serving the devil.

Men sometimes excuse themselves and say, after late suppers it is necessary to take some sort of stimulant to ald digestion. My plain opinion is that if you have no more self-control than to stuff yourself until your digestive organs refuse their office, you had better not call yourself a man, but class yourself among the beasts that perish. this season of the year the Young Men's Christian associations of the land send out circulars asking the pastors to speak a word on this subject, and so I sound in your ear the words of the Lord God Almighty: "Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips." Rejoice that you have come to the glad winter months that remind you of the times when in your childhood you were shone on by the face of father, mother, brothers, sisters, some of them, alas! no more to meet you with a "Happy New Year," or a "Merry Christmas." But again and again have we seen on New Year's Day the sons of some of the best families

themselves by the fact that the winecup has been offered by the ladies; and that a lady's hand has kindled the young man's thirst for strong drink, and long after all the attractions of the holiday have passed that same woman crouches in her rags, and her desolation, and her woe under the uplifted hand of the drunken mouster to whom she had passed the fascinating cup on New Year's Day. If we want to go to ruin let us go alone and not take others with us. Can we not sacrifice our feelings if need be? When the good ship London went down the captain was told that he might escape in one of the lifeboats. "No," he replied, "I'll go down with the passengers." All the world applauded his heroism. And can we not sacrifice our tastes and our appetites for the rescue of others? Surely it is not a very great sacrifice. Oh, mix not with the innocent beverage of the holiday the poison of adders! Mix not with the white sugar of the cup the snow of this awful leprosy! Mar not the clatter of the cutlery of the festal occasion with the clank of a madman's chain. Pass down the street and look into the pawnbroker's window. Elegant watch, elegant furs, elegant flute, elegant shoes, elegant scarf, elegant books, elegant mementoes. You sometimes see people with pleased countenance looking into such a window. When I look into a pawnbroker's window, it seems to me as if I had looked into the window of hell! To whom did that watch belong? To a drunkard. To whom did those furs belong? To a drunkard's wife. To whom did those shoes belong? To a drunkard's child. I take the three brazen balls at the door-way of a pawnbroker's shop, and 1 clank them together, sounding the knell of the drunkard's soul. A pawn-

broker's shop is only one of the eddles

in the great torrent of municipal drunk-

enness. "Oh," says someone, "I don't

patronize such things. I have destroyed

no young man by such influences:

only take ale, and it will take a great

amount of ale to intoxicate." Yes; but

I tell you there is not a drunkard in

America that did not begin with ale.

of temptation, because of the long even-

The winter season is especially full

ings allowing such full awing for evil indulgences. You can scarcely expect a young man to go into his room and sit there from seven to eleven o'clock in the evening, reading Motley's "Dutch Republic," or John Foster's essays. It would be a very beautiful thing for him to do, but he will not do it. The most of our young men are busy in offices, in factories, in banking-houses, in stores, in shops, and when evening comes they want the fresh air, and they want sight-seeing, and they must have it, they will have it, and they ought to have it. Most of the men here assembled will have three or four evenings of leisure on the the winter nights. After tea, the man puts on his hat and coat, and he goes out. One form of allurement says, "Come in here." tan says, "It is best for you to go in; you ought not to be so green; by this time you ought to have seen everything." and the temptations shall be mighty in dull times such we have had, but which, I believe, are gone; for I hear all over the land the prophecy of great prosperity, and the railroad men and the merchants, they all tell me of the days of prosperity they think are coming, and in many departments they have afready come, and they are going to imes through which we have passed multitude the great question. There are young men who expected before this to set up their household, but they have been disappointed in the gains they have made. They cannot support themselves, how can they support others? and, to the curse of modern society, the theory is abroad that a man must not marry until he has achieved a fortune, when the twain ought to start at the foot of the hill and together climb to the top. That is the old-fashioned way, and that will be the new-fashioned way if society is ever redeemed. But during the hard times, the dull times, so many men were discouraged, so many men had nothing to do-they could get nothing to doa pirate bore down on the ship when the sails were down and the vessel was making no headway. People say they want more time to think. The trouble is, too many people have too much time to think, and if our merchants had not had their minds diverted, many of them would long before this have been within the four walls of an insane asylum. These long winter evenings, be careful

Then, the winter has especial temptations in the fact that many homes are peculiarly unattractive at this season. In the summer months the young man can sit out on the steps, or he can have a bouquet in the vase on the mantel, or, the evenings being so short, soon after gas-light he wants to retire anyhow. But there are many parents who do not understand how to make the long winter evenings attractive to their children. It is amazing to me that so many old people do not understand young people. To hear some of these parents talk you would think they had never themselves been young, and had been born with spectacles on. Oh, it is dolorous for young people to sit in the house from 7 to 11 o'clock at night, and to hear parents groan about their allments and the nothingness of this world. The nothingness of this world! How dare you talk such blasphemy? It took God six days to make this world, and he has allowed it six thousand years to hang upon his holy heart, and this world has shope on you and blessed you and caressed you for these fifty or seventy years and yet you dare talk about the nothingness of this world. drunk, and young men have excused Wby, it is a magnificent world. I do try.

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will decide the temporal and eternal

destiny of hundreds of men in this

audlence.

not believe in the whole universe there is a world equal to it, except it be again and again it has been found out heaven. You cannot expect your children to stay in the house these tong winter evenings to hear you denounce this star-lighted, sun-warmed, showerbaptized, flower-strewn, angel-watched God-inhabited planet.

Oh! make your home bright. Bring in the violin or the picture. It does not require a great salary or a big house, or chased silver, or gorgeous upholstery to make a home happy. All that is wanted is a father's heart, a mother's heart, in sympathy with the young folks. I have known a man with seven hundred dollars salary, and he had no other income, but he had a home so bright and happy, that, though the sons have gone out and won large fortunes, and the daughters have gone out into splendid spheres, and become princesses of society, they can never think of that early home without tears of emotion. It was to them the vestibule of heaven, and ail their mansions now, and all their palaces now, cannot make them forget that early place. Make your homes happy.

Alas! that old people so much misunderstand young folks! There was a great Sunday-school anniversary, and there were thousands of children present; indeed, all the Sunday-schools of the town were in the building, and it was very uproarious and full of disturbance, and the presiding officer on the occasion came forward, and in a very loud tone shouted, "Silence!" and the more noise the presiding officer made, the more noise the children made. Some one else rose on the platform and came forward, and with more stentorian voice shouted, "Silence!" and the uproar rose to greater height, and it did seem as if there would be almost a riot and the police have to be called in when old Doctor Beaman, his hair white as the driven snow, said: "Let me try my hand." So he came forward with a slow step to the front of the platform, and when the children saw the venerable man and the white bair, they thought they would hush up that instant, and hear what the old man had to say. He said: "Boys, I want to make a bargain with you. If you will be still now, while I speak, when you get to be as old as I am I will be as still as a mouse." There was not another whisper that afternoon. He was as much a boy as any of them. Oh, in these approaching holidays, let us turn back our natures to what they were years ago, and be boys again and girls again, and make all our homes happy Oh, what a beautiful thing it is to

see a young man standing up amid

these temptations of city life incorrupt

while hundreds are falling. I will tell

your history. You will move in respectable circles all your days, and some day a friend of your father will meet you find say: "Good morning; glad to see you. You seem to be prospering; you look like your father for all the world; I thought you would turn out well when I used to hold you on my knee; if you ever want any help or any advice, come to me; as long as I remember your father I'll remember you. Good morning." That will be the history of hundreds of these young men. How do I know it? I know it by the way you start. But here's a young man who takes the opposite route: voices of sin charm him away. He reads bad books, mingles in bad society. The glow has gone from his cheek and the sparkle from his eye, and the purity from his soul. Down he goes, little by come in all departments; but those dull little. The people who saw him when e came to town while yet hovered over have destroyed a great many men. The his head the blessing of a poor mother's question of a livelihood is with a vast | prayer and there was on his lips the dew of a pure sister's kiss, now, as they see him pass, cry: "What an awful wreck!" Cheek bruised in grogshop fight. Eye bleared with dissipation Lip swollen with indulgences. Be careful what you say to him; for a trifle he would take your life. Lower down, lower down, until, outcast of God and man, he lies in the asylum, a blotch of loathsomeness and pain. One moment he calls for God and then he calls for rum. He prays, he curses, he laughs as a fiend laughs, then bites his nails into the quick, then puts his hands through the hair hanging around his head like the mane of a wild beast, then shivers until the cot shakes, with unutterable terror, then with his fists fights back the devils, or clutches for serponts that seem to wind around him their awful folds, then asks for water which is instantly consumed on his cracked lips. Some morning the surgeon going his rounds will find him dead. Do not try to comb out or brush back the matted locks. Straighten out the limbs, wrap him in a sheet, put him in a box, and let two men carry him down to the wagon at the door. With a piece of chalk write on top of the box the name of the destroyer and the destroyed Who is it? It is you, oh man, if, yielding to the temptations of a dissipated life, you go out and perish. There is a way that seemeth bright and fair and beautiful to a man, but the end thereof is death. Employ these long nights of December, January and February in high pursuits, in intelligent socialities, in innocent amusements, in Christian work. Do not waste this winter, for soon you will have seen your last snow shower, and have gone up into the companionship of Him whose raiment is white as snow, whiter than any fuller on earth could whiten it. For all Christian hearts the winter nights of earth will end in the June morning of heaven The river of life from under the throne never freezes over. The foliage of life's fair tree is never frost-bitten. The festivities, the hilarities, the family greetings of earthly Christmas times will give way to larger reunion and brighter lights and sweeter gaslands and mightier joy in the great heliday of heaven.

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